

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma Citizenship Board

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CHECKLIST FOR CITIZENSHIP

(For further information, see Instructions)

- ☐ Must complete application for Citizenship (must list name(s) of ancestry and roll number)
- ☐ The application of an applicant, eighteen (18) years of age or older, must be signed the applicant or by the applicant's legal guardian. The application of an applicant less than eighteen (18) years of age shall be submitted only by the applicant's parent possessing legal custody of the minor or by his/her legal guardian and must be signed by the person submitting the application.
- ☐ Submit Original/Certified Copy of your State Certified Full Image Birth Certificate.
- ☐ If submitting a Delayed, or Amended Birth and/or Death Certificate, you must include one supporting document that list the parent(s) names, such as Social Security Abstract, School Record, or Probated Will which list the person as a heir.
- ☐ Copy of the Applicant's Social Security Card
- ☐ For applicants 18 yrs. old and above, please enclose a PASSPORT photo of yourself as well as a copy of your State Driver's License or State ID. (Photo Criteria: color, 2" x 2", white background) (NO Polaroid or Professional Photos)
- ☐ Submit the Original/Certified Copy of the State Certified Full Image Birth and/or Death Record(s) of your Non Enrolled ancestry(s) through whom you are tracing.
- ☐ When tracing back to the original enrollee you must submit a State Certified Death Certificate, which must list the creek parent(s) as listed on 1906 Dawes Roll.
- ☐ ADOPTIONS: Must submit certified copy of Petition and Final Decree of Adoption and must include a State Certified Full Image Birth Certificate. (After Adoption)
- ☐ If applicant has CDIB card on file, you must submit Original/Certified Copy of your State Certified Full Image Birth Certificate.

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INSTRUCTIONS

To insure your citizenship application is processed in a timely manner, please follow all instructions carefully. Any deviation from these instructions will delay your membership.

- 1) Complete the application for citizenship. List the name(s) of your ancestor(s) & roll number(s) from the Index and Final Rolls of Citizens of The Five Civilized Tribes.
- 2) Attach your Original **STATE CERTIFIED, FULL IMAGE OF THE ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORD**. This document will be signed by the State Registrar, embossed with the State Seal and must list the state file number. If you are submitting a “**delayed**” or amended birth certificate and/or **death certificate**, you must include one supporting document that lists the parents’ names, such as a social security abstract, a school record, or a probated will which lists the person as a heir.

CAUTION: Hospital, city and county birth certificates are **NOT** acceptable. Computer generated, abstracted or transcribed birth certificates are **NOT** acceptable. You will need to order the record directly from the State Vital Statistics Office and specifically request a **STATE CERTIFIED, FULL IMAGE OF THE ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORD**. Photocopies are **NOT** accepted. All originals will be returned after they are reviewed.

- 3) Submit State Certified, full image of the original birth and/or death record(s) of your **NON-ENROLLED** ancestor(s) through whom you are tracing. If you provide a death record, it must list the Creek parent(s) name. You will need to provide a supporting document for each death record. (Ex: If your mother is Creek and is not enrolled, we need her birth record to connect you to the first enrolled member.)
- 4) When tracing back to the original enrollee, you must submit a **State Certified Full Image** of the original birth and/or death Record(s), which must list the Creek Parent as listed on the Index and Final Rolls of Citizens of the Five Civilized Tribes. All originals will be returned after they are reviewed.
- 5) **ADOPTION:** Citizenship Cards are issued only through the natural parents. In cases of adoption, quantum of Indian blood must be proven through the **BIOLOGICAL PARENTS** only. A copy of the Petition for Adoption and the Final Decree of Adoption must accompany the application for enrollment, as well as the **STATE CERTIFIED, FULL IMAGE OF THE BIRTH RECORD**. All information will remain confidential.

- 6) Please send the completed applications with the required documents to: **MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
ATTN: CITIZENSHIP BOARD
PO BOX 580
OKMULGEE, OK 74447**

(SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

ATTENTION

PROCESSING TIME MAY TAKE UP TO 3 WEEKS IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTION. THIS TIME WILL BE LONGER IF WE MUST RETURN YOUR APPLICATION FOR CORRECTIONS.

REMEMBER: All incomplete applications will be returned. If other documents are needed you will be contacted.

Please be sure to fill out blanks to the best of your knowledge, being careful to submit maiden names and previous names - this will help us research your records much faster.

Complete the application in black/blue ink. (No Red Ink)

If you have a CDIB Card (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood), your birth record along with a copy of your CDIB card will be required with the application for processing.

Do not forget a xerox copy of your social security card - your application will be incomplete and returned.

If unsure about Passport photos, please review this website: http://travel.state.gov/passport/pptphotoreq/pptphotoreq_5333.html

REMEMBER: Photocopies of birth or death certificates will not be accepted.

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Fill out the ancestry information on the lineage chart and submit every roll number. Contact your parents or grandparents to get their numbers, as you should have this information in your home files.

If your parent(s) or grandparent(s) are deceased please help this office by submitting their date of death and if possible their social security numbers.

If you move during enrollment process, please notify this office at 1-800-482-1979 or (918) 732-7941.

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Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Application



Return Application to:
Citizenship Office
P.O. Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Contact Information:
(918) 732-7941
1 (800) 482-1979

The Citizenship Board office is governed by a Citizenship Board consisting of five members. This office provides services to citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma or to potential citizens in giving direction or assisting in the lineage verification process of the Muscogee (Creek) people. The mission of this office is to verify the lineage of descendants of persons listed on the 1906 Dawes Roll of Creek by Blood. In doing so, research is involved in the whole aspect of attaining citizenship. The criteria for citizenship is that you must be Creek by blood and trace back to a direct ancestor listed on the 1906 Dawes Roll by issuance of birth and/or death certificates.

(Please complete application with a black/blue pen) (Unless stated otherwise, all blocks must be completed or it's an incomplete application)			
Name (First, Middle, Last, Maiden):			
Date of Birth:	S.S. #:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Is Applicant Adopted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widow <input type="checkbox"/> Separated		
Home Phone: () -		(Optional) Cell Phone: () -	
(Optional) Email:			
Physical Address (NO P.O. BOX)			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	County:
Mailing Address			
Same as Physical Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:	County:
Tribal Background			
Other Indian Blood: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, list tribe(s):		
<small>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE STATEMENTS GIVEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ENROLLMENT ARE CORRECT AND TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP, I VERIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE AND CORRECT. UNDER MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 14, SEC 2-507, IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY INDIAN PERSON TO WILLFULLY, INTENTIONALLY, AND KNOWINGLY MAKE OR CAUSE TO BE MADE A FALSE APPLICATION TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP. AN INDIAN APPLICANT CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE PUNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1 OF SUBSECTION B OF TITLE 14, SEC. 1-601.</small>			
Applicant's Signature (18 and over) This Signature will be used on the Citizenship Card.			

SIGNATURE: (Parents must sign for children under 18). Other persons may sign for a minor or disabled person if legal documentation is submitted.

PRINT NAME: (Parents must sign for children under 18). Other persons may sign for a minor or disabled person if legal documentation is submitted.

LINEAGE CHART

(If one or both biological parent(s) are enrolled, complete the parent(s) information then STOP)

KEY:**Maternal - Mother's Side of the Family****D.O.B.: Date of Birth****S.S.#: Social Security Number****Paternal - Father's Side of the Family****D.O.D.: Date of Death**

Parents

Mother:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	
Father:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	

Maternal Grandparents

MGMother:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	
MGFather:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	

Paternal Grandparents

PGMother:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	
PGFather:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	

FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE, PLEASE USE BACK OF THIS PAGE

OFFICE USE ONLY:

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NO DUAL ENROLLMENT

Members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation who are of another American Indian Tribe must sign an oath saying they are not enrolled with another tribe.

I, _____, (print applicant's name) as a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby swear (or affirm) that, I am not enrolled and will not enroll as a citizen of any other federally recognized Indian Tribe, Nation Band Pueblo, Rancheria, or Alaska Native Village, or any other federally recognized Indian entity (except a tribal town of the Muscogee Nation), without first resigning my enrollment in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, or without giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Citizenship Board of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

I further understand that a violation of this oath is punishable by not receiving tribal services.

Signature of Applicant
(Parent or legal guardian must sign if applicant is under 18 yrs. old)

Date: _____

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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, _____, (print applicant's full name) authorize the release of information requested by the Citizenship Board of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The requested information shall be used solely in the administration of citizenship related programs.

Agencies that may be contacted include, but are not limited to:

Programs and Services of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Indian Health Services, School Authorities, local, state and federal agencies.

Signature of Applicant
(Parent or legal guardian must sign if applicant is under 18 yrs. old)

Date: _____

The above signature is by:

- () Self
- () Next-of-Kin
- () Authorized Representative